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Ms. Nancy Winters
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Subject: **Reissuance of Columbia Generating Station's NPDES Permit**

Dear Ms. Winters:

During its regular meeting of May 9, 2006, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Council) approved reissuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater discharge permit for Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station. The Council's decision to reissue the NPDES permit, effective through May 25, 2011, allows the Columbia Generating Station to discharge non-process wastewaters and storm water associated with nuclear-fueled steam electric power generation to the Columbia River and to ground water, in accordance with the approved permit conditions.

Enclosed for your records is the final NPDES permit for the Columbia Generating Station, along with the responses to written comments (Appendix E to Fact Sheet). If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 956-2151.

Sincerely,

Mike Mills
Compliance Manager

Enclosures

cc: Jim LaSpina, Ecology
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